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FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR AMBASSADOR
YOST TO DELIVER ON ARRIVAL IN SANTO DOMINGO APRIL 28:

1. QUOTE: IT WAS A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO BE CHOSEN BY
PRESIDENT CARTER AS UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO THE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC, AND I AM VERY PLEASED TO TAKE UP MY NEW DUTIES
HERE.

2. AS A PERSONAL NOTE, MY WIFE AND I HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO
VISIT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BRIEFLY LAST YEAR. WE HAD THE
OPPORTUNITY TO APPRECIATE WHAT YOUR DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM
CALLS THE BEST-KEPT SECRET OF THE CARIBBEAN: A COUNTRY OF
GREAT AND VARIED BEAUTY AND IT WARM, OUT-GOING AND FRIENDLY
PEOPLE.

3. MY GOVERNMENT HAS MAINTAINED THE MOST CORDIAL AND
CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC. WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE RECORD OF ECONOMIC
GROWTH AND SOCIAL AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS
BEEN ACHIEVED OVER THE PAST DECADE.

4. IN PREPARING MYSELF FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT, I HAVE READ
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MUCH OF CONTEMPORARY EVENTS IN DOMINICAN LIFE. I HAVE
BEEN PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE UNFOLDING ELECTORAL
PROCESS BY WHICH THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE WILL FREELY CHOOSE, IN
THE MAY 16 ELECTION, THOSE WHO WILL CONSTITUTIONALLY GOVERN
HERE FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

5. THE UNINHIBITED PARTICIPATION OF A NATION'S CITIZENRY IN

THE SELECTION OF ITS LEADERSHIP IS ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS SEEKING TO PROMOTE. HIS EFFORTS REFLECT OUR FIRM BELIEF THAT WE ARE ABLE TO COOPERATE MOST CLOSELY WITH THOSE COUNTRIES, SUCH AS THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, WHICH SHARE DEMOCRATIC VALUES.

6. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WHOEVER WINS THE ELECTION, MY GOVERNMENT STANDS READY TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN THE TRADITIONALLY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS BEEN OF SUCH MUTUAL BENEFIT TO OUR COUNTRIES.

7. I INTEND TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO FURTHER THAT RELATIONSHIP DURING MY TOUR HERE. MY WIFE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR ASSOCIATION WITH YOU. UNQUOTE.
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